

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly rewrite paragraph 1 on page 2 as follows:

--which permit it to be readily affixed to the epicardial surface of the heart, such as barbs or other fixation devices. These devices may be revealed or deployed through the use of a stylet, which is manipulated through the body of the pericardial access device. A scope or other visualization technique may be exercised while placing the lead to ensure that anatomical reference points are detected and that the lead placement is proper.--

At the end of page 2, kindly insert the following paragraph:

--As is well known in the prior art a temporary electrical stimulator may be coupled to the pacing lead and the electrical energy provided by the stimulator may be gradually increased until heart capture is found. Capture of the heart muscle is indicated by the contraction of the muscle in response to the electrical stimulus. Selecting sites on the heart that have low stimulation thresholds is widely practiced in the pacing arts.--

Kindly insert the following sentence at line 17 of paragraph 2 on page 1:

--Such pacing lead systems are typically elongate with a center axis defining an axis of symmetry for the device. Epicardial leads that attach to the heart with an electrode at right angles to the lead body are typically referred to as asymmetrical leads in that the electrode in contact with tissue extends laterally from one side of the lead body. Myocardial screw in leads are one such example of one such asymmetric lead.--